

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.
It appears to me that
this is a clear
violation of
campaign finance
laws.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. If
Sinclair is allowed
to proceed with this
illegal activity,
and Bush wins the
election, we can be
sure that Sinclair
will be
well-rewarded.

Stolen Honor is not
news. It is
propaganda of the
worst kind. The
media has a legal
and moral obligation
to present
substantive news
about issues that
matter, and about
how these issues are
affecting the lives
of real people from
our communities.
Without that,
democracy dies. I
hate to think that
Sinclair is
attempting to
subvert democracy,
but it certainly
appears that way to
me.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to

strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.